

B. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraph as marked:

[0051] Primary node **210** and secondary node **220** access data storage systems **214** and **224**. Advantageously, a data replicator, herein depicted as drbd partition **230**, includeses[[ing]] a partition of each of data storage systems **214** and **224**, for replicating data accessible by primary node **210** and secondary node **220** without requiring a storage device that is actually physically shared between primary node **210** and secondary node **220**. According to an advantage of the present invention, drbd is configured to run on the partition to facilitate the transfer of data during failover from primary node **210** to secondary node **220**. It will be understood that while the invention is described with respect to a drbd partition managed by drbd scripts, other distributed data replication systems may be implemented.